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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2009. Claims 1-32 are pending.

Claims 1-32 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-16, 26-32 are said to be drawn to a valve stem;
- II. Claims 17-25 are said to be drawn to a method of manufacturing a valve stem;